

HEADQUARTERS  
5th Communication Battalion, FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Subj: Command Chronology; report of  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) ForceO 3121.1B

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), the following information is submitted:

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 5th Communication Battalion, FMF DaNang, Viet Nam.
- (2) 6 December 1965 - 31 December 1965.
- (3) Lt.Col H.R. KELLY, Commanding Officer, Maj. D.L. MURPHY, Executive Officer.
- (4) 18 Officers/597 Enlisted. Not included are 2 Officers/67 Enlisted attached from 1st Radio Battalion.

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

- (1) Personnel - none
- (2) Administration - none
- (3) Intelligence - none
- (4) Training - none
- (5) Special Operations - During the period 10-23 Dec 1965, 5th Communication Battalion provided radio relay, radio, comm center equipment and a total of eleven communicators to support Task Force Delta during Operation Harvest Moon in the vicinity of Tam Ky, Republic of Viet Nam.
- (6) Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other special types of warfare - none
- (7) Command and Control - none
- (8) Close Combat - none
- (9) Fire Support - none
- (10) Logistics - none
- (11) Air Defense - none
- (12) Combat Air Support - none

(13) Civil Affairs - English classes were taught by personnel of the Battalion to students of Sao Mai Catholic School. Approximately 800 gifts, cash donations, and 600lbs of food was donated to Sao Mai School, DaNang Orphans, the Orphanage/Convent at East DaNang. AND



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(j) Continues to provide support to 3d Marine Division for radio-relay circuits to Chu Lai, Phu Bai, and Dong Ha.

(k) Provided operational, technical, and logistics support for Captain BRIDGES and a Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center team in connection with the testing of the Radio Engineering Products Multiplexer.

(l) Received, installed, and tested four Radio Sets, AN/TRC-97 with the assistance of two Radio Corporation of America engineers.

(m) Provided personnel and equipment support to various units in the DaNang TAOR. This support was usually for short durations of one or two days.

(6) Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other types of Warfare - None.

(7) Command and Control - None.

(8) Close Combat - None.

(9) Fire Support - None.

(10) Logistic Support - None.

(11) Air Defense - None.

(12) Close Air Support - None.

(13) Civil Affairs: This Battalion made daily food donations to, and held sick call on an "as required basis" at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East.

  
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